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Eugene V. Debs Ben Hanford

All Socialists should register at once and see to it that others of their party do the same.

Tom Patterson of Colorado is in the west, where unionism is strong, picturing to the laboring man (for his vote) the sad condition in his state. Peabody, republican of Colorado, is in the New England states appealing to the wage earner to vote the republican ticket and secure high tariff for the manufacturers and big wages for the laborers. Don't it work nice?

In any of Tom Patterson's speeches in Montana has that gentleman made reference to the fact that under the system for which he stands sponsor, that the laborer is robbed of the greater part of the wealth he produces. Or how does Mr. Patterson expect to avoid clashes between labor and capital as long as things are produced for profit, regardless of whether a democrat or republican is in the gubernatorial chair. Both democrats and republicans have used the powers of government against the forces of labor whenever the class to which Patterson and his ilk belong has ordered it so.

In making appeal for tariff in the way of church donations last Sunday, the Rev. A. L. Chapman of Butte precludes his sermon with the political text on the "tariff question." Says he: "The tariff question is one of the great issues before the American people in the present presidential campaign. The issue is an important one in the political world and we are glad the people are taking a lively interest in it." And he is supposed to stand for humanity. Will some of the Butte comrades kindly hand the befuddled divine one of Charles H. Vail's works on Socialism with a view of clearing up his muddled brain.

Why not arrange a joint debate between Mr. Toole and Mr. Lindsay, when these gentlemen come to Butte? As both aspire to gubernatorial honors, a political set-to of twenty rounds with hard gloves would make Butte swell with pride.—Butte Miner.

Presume the Miner means a political debate. May we ask what would they debate about? There is absolutely no difference in their state platforms. They both stand for the capitalistic system of producing and distributing the means of life. They are one as regards the exploitation of labor. They are agreed on the present system, which simultaneously makes millionaires on the one hand and paupers and criminals, poverty, vice, prostitution, ignorance and a permanent unemployed problem on the other. Wherein do they differ?

Tom Patterson of Colorado was sent into Montana by the national democratic committee to tell the wage mules about the atrocities of the capitalistic anarchists in Colorado. The frost is on the pumpkins about now and coincidentally election time rolls around. Therefore Tom is supplied with an ample stock of political fly paper, well coated with New Orleans sorghum, and it is again to be used in catching the wage slave vote. Tom, like Bryan, Joe Toole and others of his ilk, who are politicians and pose as "good" men to laborers' interests, has political ambitions about him. Why! Bless your soul, the Socialist press has gone Tom and his kind one better, by telling the wage earner that it is not so much of a question as to "Peabody, the anarchist," as it is of the system that makes Peabody and Peabodyism.

The Joe Toole Socialist is the latest debutante on the political stage. He appears in the character of a shipwrecked statesman in the farce comedy, "Good Joe Toole." He is supposed to have been on the ship Socialist Party when she bumped onto the referendum rock, and with other faint-hearted passengers jumped overboard into the sea of political slush. In the excitement he lost consciousness, conscientiousness, and several other attributes. He furnishes most of the amusement in a vaudeville act, swallowing in rapid succession, in full view of the audience, large chunks of dough, variously labeled "democrat," "populist," "labor fakir," "Heinze," "Parker," "Wall street," "former utterances," and many more. His digestive capabilities are extraordinary. He closes the performance by impersonating Romeo to Toole's Juliet. The show, with the Joe Toole Socialist starring, is billed to show in all important towns in Montana up to November 8th.

Some misunderstanding was occasioned by the editorial in The News of Oct. 5th concerning Governor Toole and Peabodyism. We stated that, inasmuch as such an able and popular man as John P. Altgeld was unable to keep federal troops out of Illinois during the A. R. U. strike, Joe Toole would not be able to prevent such outrages as happened in Colorado under Peabody. This was construed by some of our readers to mean that we considered Gov. Toole friendly to the working class, and would defend the interests of the working class were it not for the fact that, in the face of a capitalist national

## Socialist National and State Ticket

For President—  
Eugene V. Debs of Indiana.

For Vice President—  
Ben Hanford of New York

For Presidential Electors—  
W. N. Holden, of Silver Bow.  
J. F. Mabie, of Park.  
Joseph Hoar, of Silver Bow.

For Governor—  
Malcomb G. O'Malley, Silver Bow.

For Lieutenant Governor—  
John W. Frinke, of Deer Lodge.

For Congressman—  
J. H. Walsh, of Fergus.

For Chief Justice of Supreme Court—  
C. M. Parr, of Silver Bow.

For Clerk of Supreme Court—  
John Peters, of Carbon.

For Secretary of State—  
Henry Lynch, of Fergus.

For State Treasurer—  
Erik Olson, of Cascade.

For State Auditor—  
W. C. Phelps, of Lewis & Clarke.

For Attorney General—  
E. O. Jackson, of Silver Bow.

For State Superintendent of Public Instruction—  
Mrs. R. Anna German, of Silver Bow.



government, he is powerless to do so. No thought was further from our minds, and if those who take exceptions to the article in question had read the same carefully they would have seen their mistake. Gov. Toole upholds the capitalist system, therefore is not a friend to the working class. He is, according to his public acts and utterances, on the capitalist side of the class struggle. But we must face the practical questions of the hour as we find them. Many voters are supporting Toole for the sole reason that if he is re-elected Montana will be free from Peabodyism. This fact makes a condition, not a theory, and the only logical thing for us to do is to point out to these voters how vain is their hope. We tell them that, even if Toole were the workingman's friend, he would be powerless to prevent any of the crimes that took place in Colorado. We tell them that as long as the government at Washington is in the hands of the capitalist class, no governor of any state can protect the working class from a capitalist onslaught. We know of no better way to prove to them that Peabodyism is a matter that reaches beyond the borders of a state; that Peabodyism is capitalism; that the labor war in Colorado is but the localized and intensified class struggle.

## POLITICAL TREACHERY OF OFFICERS OF W. F. OF M.

The Western Federation of Miners at their last national convention declared for the principles of Socialism. They have stood for this platform for some years past. Withal, there are a considerable number of Socialists who are of the opinion that there is little ground gained in the matter of attempting to have adopted in a convention of union men the principles of Socialism. This matter was demonstrated at the last convention of the Montana Federation of Labor held at Hamilton. It is an undeniable fact that there were represented there delegates who were supposed to represent the interests of labor, but who were really there in the interest of the respective political parties to which they owe their allegiance, or more properly their jobs. This was made manifest at the instance of a delegate, and by the way a republican, who introduced a resolution placing the convention on record as being opposed to currying favor with either the republican or democratic parties. Although the author was wholly sincere, the resolution smacked of Socialistic artifice, and a wail went up from the old party "union loyalists" that rent the air. Thereupon a Socialist delegate arose and admonished the excited convention to be calm and patient, as the Socialists had no desire of thrusting their philosophy onto the convention; that experience in the past had exemplified the folly of this and that Socialists were made through rational study of the wage earners' class interest and not otherwise. But getting back to the point, it is worth the effort to read Comrade Ida Crouch-Hazlett's letter in a recent publication of the International Socialist Review in regard to the matter of the Western Federation declaring for Socialism before the majority or even a measurable part of them entertained the least conception of its meaning. But recent events have given rise to the question of What about the leaders of the Federation?

We clip the following from a capitalist exchange, commenting on Comrade Debs' meeting in Denver: "Turing to Colorado affairs, he paid his respects to Peabody for his alleged brutality, and to Adams as a capitalist. He said he met Adams in 1897 when he had the militia out in Leadville and could find no use for him. I know there is talk of having the Socialists vote for Adams this year in order to deal a blow at the other side; I have heard much of it since I came here. You have been told that you should vote for the presidential electors of the Socialist ticket and vote the state ticket of the democracy, but no true Socialist will do such a thing. If you are Socialists you will vote the whole Socialist ticket. I do not want your vote unless you vote the rest of the ticket. Pointing his bony finger at the head of the Socialist party in Colorado, who has this campaign thrown his influence to Alva Adams, candidate for governor on the democratic ticket, Eugene V. Debs, national leader of the party and candidate for president on its ticket, last night warned William D. Haywood and his following not to betray their party for a mess of pottage."

It is inconceivable how men claiming to be Socialists, and who have went through the trying ordeals and humiliations as have Messrs. Haywood and Moyer in the last few months, can be inconsistent enough to again support a candidate who stands upon principles which foster a recurrence of capitalistic tyranny in the state of Colorado. It is all the more inconsistent, in view of the fact that these gentlemen are respectively president and secretary of an organization that has at three consecutive national conventions declared for the principles of Socialism. We have been informed that the character of Socialism among the union officers who draw princely salaries from union sources in Colorado is of the most lukewarm kind. Outside of Eugene V. Debs and possibly Edward Boyce, ex-president of the Federation, we are unable to point out any labor leader east or west who has shown the necessary moral courage in openly declaring for what their organization has endorsed. The plain facts are these gentlemen have shown themselves more interested in the per capita tax and their salaries than they have in the interests of the working class. It is altogether likely that when Socialism becomes stronger in the minds of the people and more popular these alleged labor leaders will desire to be the main actors in the affair. As regards Mr. Moyer, his late action in Colorado will not be generally accepted as a surprise, for the reason that suspicious eyes have pointed in his direction for some time. Mr. Debs warns these gentlemen "not to betray their party for a mess of pottage." And it will be generally conceded that the mess of pottage is the inspiring motive in Messrs. Moyer and Haywood's actions.

It is remarkable to note the sudden change of heart that is now taking place among the old party politicians, who just at this period are recognizing union labor. The following sent to President Donnelly by President Roosevelt after the former had controverted the alleged Roosevelt letter:

"My Dear Mr. Donnelly: Mr. Loeb has shown me your letter to him of the 20th. I wish to thank you personally for your straightforward and manly action in reference to the forgery. Believe me, I appreciate it.—Theodore Roosevelt."

There is nothing particularly wrong in Mr. Roosevelt's letter, only that it does not compare well with his action of some six months previous, when he refused to consult with a committee representing two hundred and sixty-five thousand miners in the Pennsylvania coal districts. It is interesting to witness the humiliating and servile antics of the old party politicians, great and small, just prior to election, in order to secure the wage earners' vote.

Under the head of "Correspondence," Comrade Hart's letter refers to the manner in which the republican politicians in control of the government are using the mails for campaign purposes. He sends us three large cards, evidently mailed from the headquarters of the national republican committee and addressed to him, bearing the usual inscription, "Part of Congressional Record. Free." On the blank side of the card are extracts taken from speeches of republican politicians such as Hanna, Hon. Chas. B. Lannis and other republicans on the advantages of the tariff in establishing high wages, etc. The people pay taxes to support the postal system and the republican politicians use the mails for campaign purposes. Speeches and political moves made in every state in the last twenty years are spread broadcast free at the expense of the people.

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## The HUB

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CORNER MAIN AND 6TH

Cortelyou, of the national republican committee, is slower than the snail. The democrats have Patterson in Montana appealing for the wage slave vote, pointing to Anarchist Peabody of Colorado and Roosevelt of Washington, D. C. Why does not Mr. Cortelyou send some republican spellbinder into Montana to tell the laborers about the democratic anarchists such as Steunenberg of Idaho, who bullied innocent miners and their wives in '98; Grover Cleveland, who sent national troops into Chicago in '94 over the head of Governor Altgeld of Illinois in the interest of the railroad corporations; Alton B. Parker, who voted against the eight-hour law while sitting as supreme judge in New York, and Henry G. Davis, the millionaire coal and railroad operator of West Virginia, who has been fighting organized labor all his life? Perhaps the democrats conclude that there are good and bad "anarchists" along the same line that the republicans deduct that there are good and bad trusts.

The hypocrites of the old parties of Carbon county are holding their hands up in holy horror, in what they term a crime against decency by one of their own bunch. The crime preferred against W. F. Meyer, candidate for state senator on the republican ticket, who has waxed fat from the interest he has stolen from the farmers of that county for years, is that he kissed a young girl at eight o'clock in the night without her consent. The Red Lodge Picket, the republican organ, goes up in the air and the editor attempts to make the people of that vicinity believe that he is so far superior to others in point of morality that the act looks to him like a "crime against civilization," and that he knew Meyer was a characterless wretch for years. County Attorney Caswell, who has been a servile lackey of the North Western Coal Company there for years, and has been their pliant tool in defending them in violating all the labor laws on the statute books, pulls his malodorous name off the republican ticket "in the name of decency." The chairman of the county central committee did likewise. If these political poltroons were so well acquainted with the past record of Meyer as they claim they were, why have they not taken action before?

During the strike at the stockyards recently the colored wage slave took the place of the striker. Now "Pitchfork" Tillman, the blatherskite spellbinder of the democratic party in the south, has been brought into Chicago to perpetuate and intensify the color prejudice and thereby divide the forces of labor. When assistance was needed to help in the strike, these democratic and republican fakirs were as dumb as oysters. The Socialists of Chicago are determined that no such bamboozling will be effected and they are daily wroking among their more ignorant colored wage slaves, pointing out to them that their condition is the result of the present capitalistic system. The packing town employees are embracing Socialism in hordes.

Better to vote for freedom and fail than vote for slavery and succeed.—E. V. Debs.

Socialists! Don't fail to register.

The attempts to rejuvenate the populist corpse are wildly fantastic and pitiable. Recently, Carl Browne, of Commonweal Army fame, wrote a letter to Comrade Geo. H. Rogers, of Napa, Cal., concerning the nomination of an electoral ticket in that state and Comrade Rogers sent it in to State Secretary Helfenstein, who in turn forwarded it to the national secretary. The letter is written on the back of one of Browne's portrait cards, showing him in the dress in which he became well known. The letter is herewith given, verbatim:

"Commonweal 'Castle' Cal.  
Ben Ali—Mt. Napa Co., Cal.  
Geo. H. Rogers, Esq., Napa, Cal.

Dear Sir and Bro.: I have received a letter from "Tom" Watson, people's party presidential nominee, urging me to get up an electoral ticket in some way, and I write you to inquire if you will allow your name to be petitioned for one of the electors at large. The only way it can be placed on the ballot now—as there is no organization of the party in the state now.

While I regard Eugene V. Debs as grand a man as there is alive—I know for a fact that the republican party pays the running expenses of both Socialist parties and keeps them fighting each other like kilkenny cats—so neither can grow strong enough to be dangerous politically.

I expect to vote for Watson & Tibbles if I have to write the names on my ballot. Please drop me a line, before I leave for St. Louis. Yours truly,

CARL BROWNE."

It isn't very likely that the populist party, or Tom Watson, or Carl Browne will benefit much by circulating such an unmitigated falsehood as that the republican party pays the running expenses of the Socialist party. The financial reports issued by the various branches of the Socialist party show where its funds come from and these are spent only to fight capitalism. The party that requires falsehood to maintain it deserves to die and the sooner the world is rid of it the better for the world.

Socialists! Now is the time to register.